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REIMU'S TOUR OF HELL

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地獄の妖精の謎を追え!!

3か月に一度のシーズン連載!

東方三月精

Visionary Fairies in Shrine.

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CRUNCH

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PHEW...

HM?

WHOA.

IT'S REALLY PILED UP.

前回までのあらすじ

ある時代を境に結界で隔離された土地・幻想郷。博麗神社の敷地内に棲みはじめた三妖精たちは新たないたずらを画策していた。そんななか地獄から来たクラウンピースという謎の妖精が現れる。ルナは彼女を危険に感じるなか、サニーは彼女の妖怪に匹敵する力に心躍らされていた……。

サニーミルク●光を屈折させる程度の能力をもつ。三妖精のリーダー的存在。"輝ける日の光"。

HMM, I GET THE FEELING THAT...

SHE HASN'T BEEN SHOVELING SNOW FOR A WHILE NOW.

SLACKING OFF RIGHT AT THE START OF THE NEW YEAR?

EVEN THE TOP OF THE DONATION BOX...

NO, WAIT...

MAYBE THERE'S SOME REASON SHE *COULDN'T* SHOVEL SNOW?

THE STORM SHUTTERS ARE UP.

HM.

HAS SHE NOT BEEN OUTSIDE THIS WHOLE TIME?

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Ah...

WHAT WAS THAT? A VOICE?!

ARE YOU OKAY?!

HEY!

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ルナチャイルド●音を消す程度の能力をもつ。よくとばっちりをくらう。●静かなる月の光。

スターサファイヤ●動くものの気配を探る程度の能力を持つ。抜け目がない。●降り注ぐ星の光。

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PARADISE.

AH...

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OH, MARISA?

...WHY WAS I EVEN WORRIED?

YEAH, YEAH.

IT'S COLD, SO CLOSE THE DOOR.

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HUH?

BUT STILL, HOW IS IT SO WARM IN HERE?

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A cushion that makes shrine maidens worthless

THOSE THREE AGAIN?

SO THERE ARE FAIRIES LIVING UNDER THE HOUSE?

OH?

SO CAN SHE NOT HANDLE THE COLD OR SOMETHING?

IT'S LIKE THERE'S A FIRE BURNING BELOW US.

Hellfire?

NAH.

THIS TIME IT'S THE HELL FAIRY.

クラウンピース●人を狂わす程度の能力をもつ。・狂気なる地獄の妖精。

ACTUALLY, IT'S KINDA SWELTERING.

SO IS THAT WHY THE SHRINE IS SO HOT?

博麗霊夢●博麗神社の巫女。妖怪退治を行なっている。・空を飛ぶ不思議な巫女。

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WELL, I CAN SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, BUT...

AFTER LIVING IT UP IN THIS WARMTH, I DON'T EVEN WANNA THINK ABOUT GOING OUTSIDE.

MAN...

EVEN IF YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS, HUMANS CAN'T SEE THE ENTRANCE.

BUT YOU JUST SAID IT WAS BENEATH THE SHRINE.

BUT IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO FIND A FAIRY'S HOME.

WELL, I THOUGHT ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT...

WAIT, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT THERE'S A HELL FAIRY LIVING BENEATH THE SHRINE?

IS THAT REALLY OKAY WITH YOU?

BUT YOU CAN'T EXACTLY BURN DOWN YOUR OWN SHRINE, HUH?

MAYBE YOU COULD GET RID OF THEM BY DESTROYING THE WHOLE PLACE,

FAIRY HOMES ARE LIKE MAYOIGA: YOU CAN'T ENTER EXCEPT BY ACCIDENT WHILE LOST.

UNLESS...

STILL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN JUST IGNORE IT.

Huh?

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DON'T TELL ME YOU JUST CAN'T BRING YOURSELF TO TURN OFF THE HEAT?

SHEESH.

YOU DO REALIZE THAT WHENEVER YOU SLACK OFF FOR A REASON LIKE THAT IT ALWAYS ENDS UP BLOWING UP IN YOUR FACE, RIGHT?

I just can't find that rascally fairy...

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Of course not.

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SNIFF
HMM...
DOESN'T IT SMELL LIKE SMOKE?!
WHAT?
WHAT?
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AH!
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WAAH
WE'RE ON FIRE!
THERE'S SMOKE COMING UP FROM BELOW!

HUFF

HUFF

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WHEW.

LOOKS LIKE WE MANAGED TO PUT IT OUT BEFORE IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL.

ALTHOUGH IT STARTED UNDERGROUND SO WE CAN'T TELL IF THERE ARE ANY EMBERS REMAINING.

...HUH?

HEY, REIMU, DO YOU THINK WE COULD-

PUT ME DOWN!

STOP IT!

STOMP

OH, THERE YOU ARE.

SO WHERE'D RUN OFF TO?

HEY! STOP STRUGGLING!

OH.

THE HELL FAIRY, HUH?

I guess she was pretty easy to find after all.

...YES MA'AM.

GOT IT?!

YOU DON'T SOUND SORRY AT ALL.

SIGH...

SO I'LL BE CAREFUL.

IT'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS I'M CAREFUL, RIGHT?

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HELL

THE FIRES OF HELL BURN WAY HOTTER THAN THIS.

HEH HEH HEH

WHY NOOOT?

NO MORE HELLFIRE UNDER MY ROOF!

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OW!

I'M STILL NOWHERE NEAR-

WHA-

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YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT MY FIRES BEFORE!

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NO, I'VE HAD IT WITH HER!

HUH?

NOW NOW, JUST KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL FROM NOW ON, OKAY?

IF THE SHRINE BURNS DOWN YOU'D LOSE YOUR OWN HOME TOO.

Who'd want to live in a cold place like this anwyay!

H-Hmph!

NOW SCRAM!

I'VE LOOKED THE OTHER WAY UNTIL NOW, BUT I WANT YOU OUT!

I JUST CAME OUT AND SAID IT.

It'll be tough without my heater though

THAT'S FOR SURE.

WELL THAT WAS EASY.

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HMM, GOOD POINT.

MAYBE THERE'S SOME SORT OF REASON SHE CHOSE TO LIVE THERE...

I THOUGHT FAIRIES LIVED IN PLANTS, OR OTHER PLACES FILLED WITH LIFE ENERGY?

BUT WHY WAS SHE LIVING BENEATH THE SHRINE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

HMM.

IF SO, SHE SURE DIDN'T ACT LIKE IT JUST NOW.

WHAT IF THIS IS ALL PART OF SOME SCHEME BY HELL TARGETING THE SHRINE...?

AH!

HMM...

I THINK I'M GONNA LOOK INTO IT.

BUT WHO CAN SAY?

EVEN A SAGE CAN SEEM LIKE A FOOL TO A STRANGER.

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HM.

A FAIRY FROM HELL,

WAS IT?

THAT'S RIGHT.

THE FAIRY I SAW BACK ON THE MOON IS IN GENSOKYO NOW.

I FIGURED YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.

I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST THOUGH...

BRAIN OF THE MOON

EIRIN YAGOKORO

SO JUNKO WAS WORKING WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT...

I SEE.

A GODDESS OF HELL...?

AND YET DESPITE NOT KNOWING, I STILL ACHIEVED VICTORY.

SMUG

WAIT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

YEAH, SO THIS FAIRY SEEMED LIKE IT WAS HER SERVANT OR SOMETHING SO-

HMM.

THINGS HAVE BEEN QUIET FROM THE LUNARIANS AND RABBITS SINCE THEN, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING AGAIN.

NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE CLAIMING VICTORY FOR, BUT IT'S STILL TRUE THAT THAT HELL FAIRY SUDDENLY SHOWED UP HERE.

WHAT A NON-COMMITAL RESPONSE.

I CAME HERE BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE RELATED TO THE LUNARIANS, BUT I GUESS I WAS WASTING MY TIME.

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

I DOUBT THE LUNARIANS WOULD USE A FAIRY, AS THEY'RE MADE OF IMPURITY.

BUT SOMEONE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WHEN JUNKO USED A FAIRY?

IT'S A FUNDA-MENTALLY BAD IDEA.

THAT'S HOW I WON WITHOUT LIFTING A FINGER.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE LUNAR CAPITAL, WHERE FAIRIES DON'T EXIST, THE EARTH AND HELL MIGHT AS WELL BE THE SAME - LITTLE MORE THAN MERE HELLS.

WHAT THREAT COULD A MERE FAIRY OR A **MERE HELL** HOLD TO US?

RELYING ON SUCH PATHETIC THINGS IS WHAT GOT HER DEFEATED BY A MERE HUMAN.

HAHA...

I DON'T CARE FOR THE TONE OF SUPERIORITY YOU'RE TAKING, BUT...

BESIDES, IF THE LUNARIANS AREN'T THE ONES ACTING, PERHAPS I'M NOT THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS WITH?

You've got a point there

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THE SANZU RIVER

MISS,

I CAN'T REALLY RECOMMEND TRYING TO CROSS THE SANZU RIVER WHILE ALIVE, YOU KNOW.

SO ABOUT HOW MUCH FURTHER WILL IT BE?

WHO KNOWS?

THE TIME IT TAKES DEPENDS ON THE CLIENT.

THE SANZU FERRYMAN

KOMACHI ONOZUKA

HEHE, YES, I'M WELL AWARE.

I DON'T HAVE THE CASH TO PAY YOU FOR THIS.

YOU KNOW I'M BROKE, RIGHT?

I'LL JUST PUT IT ON YOUR TAB AND COLLECT WHEN YOU'RE DEAD.

YOU CAN'T JUST MARCH DOWN THERE AND DEMAND TO CROSS THE RIVER WHEN YOU'RE NOT EVEN DEAD.

IT'S NOT LIKE ANY OF THE OTHER SHINIGAMI WOULD'VE TAKEN YOU UP ON THIS, REIMU.

BUT STILL, I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU TAKING THIS JOB SERIOUSLY FOR ONCE.

I'M ABOUT THE ONLY ONE WHO'D FIND SOMETHING LIKE THIS AMUSING.

IT'S SO GREAT KNOWING A SHINIGAMI.

IT OPENS UP SO MANY DOORS.

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FRIENDS, HUH?

LOOK, WE'RE ALMOST TO HIGAN.

OH, THAT WAS SOONER THAN I EXPECTED.

SO IT'S REALLY OKAY NOT TO PAY, RIGHT?

YOU'RE GOING TO MEET MY BOSS, THE YAMA, RIGHT?

JUST TELL ME THE STORY ON THE WAY BACK.

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WHAT A MESS.

SHH.

SOME-ONE'S COMING.

I DON'T SEE REIMU AROUND EITHER.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN HERE?

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HMM...

OH, IT'S JUST PIECE.

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HUH?

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I DUNNO WHAT I'M GONNA DO...

SIGH...

THIS IS BAD...

SO YOU CAUSED A FUSS AND GOT KICKED OUT THE SHRINE?

I GET IT.

AND, I DUNNO, I JUST DON'T GET ALONG WITH PLANTS AND STUFF.

They're so flammable

BUT NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO THERE'S ALREADY ANOTHER FAIRY LIVING THERE?

DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU?

I DON'T GET ALONG WITH TREES.

HOW ABOUT OUR PLACE?

SO ANYWAY, DO ANY OF YOU KNOW A NICE PLACE TO STAY?

GIVEN HER PERSONALITY, IT'S PROBABLY MORE LIKE REIMU WAS IGNORING HER.

WAIT, SO DOES MEAN YOU ACTUALLY HAD REIMU'S PERMISSION TO LIVE THERE BEFORE?

TEMPLE?

THERE'S A TEMPLE?

IF THE SHRINE'S NO GOOD, HOW ABOUT UNDERNEATH THE TEMPLE INSTEAD?

WHY NOT?

I WOULDN'T, IF I WERE YOU.

THAT MIGHT WORK!

SHOULD WE GO CHECK IT OUT?

YOUKAI LIVE THERE TOO, SO THEY GET A LOT OF VISITORS.

I DOUBT SOMEONE WHO MATCHES THE UNDERSIDE OF THE SHRINE COULD EVER LIVE ANYWHERE ELSE.

THE TEMPLE IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE GO TO LOSE THEIR ATTACHMENT TO LIFE, SO FAIRIES LIKE US WHO LIVE THERE MIGHT EVEN DISAPPEAR.

YOU COULD LIVE THERE BECAUSE IT REPELS EVERY OTHER KIND OF FAIRY.

BESIDES, FAIRIES CAN ONLY LIVE IN PLACES THAT MATCH WHO THEY ARE.

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

HMM...

BUT THEN, WHAT DO I DO...?

W-WELL, I GUESS THAT WORKS.

YOU JUST IGNORE REIMU'S WARNING AND KEEP LIVING THERE ANYWAY.

HUH?

AREN'T YOU A HELL FAIRY?

WHO CARES IF SHE'S MAD AT YOU?

ISN'T LIKE YOU AT ALL!

GETTING DEPRESSED LIKE THAT

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...HEH HEH HEH.

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AH HA HA HA HA!

I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF!

I AM THE STRONGEST, WORST FAIRY THERE IS!

I AM CLOWN-PIECE!

I'M GONNA KEEP LIVING AT THE SHRINE!

That's the spirit

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WHO CARES IF SHE'S MAD AT ME?!

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THAT WAS A LONG TRIP.

PHEW,

FINALLY BACK IN THE WORLD OF THE LIVING.

OH... RIGHT.

THIS IS THE WORST.

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BRR, IT'S FREEZ-ING.

I NEED TO CLEAN UP AND GET A FIRE GOING, QUICK.

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HIGAN

RIGHT.

SOMEONE NAMED.

HECATIA, I THINK? SHE HAD SOMETHING WEIRD ON HER HEAD.

SO THERE'S A FAIRY FROM HELL, IN GENSO-KYO?

I'M SURE YOU CAME HERE WITH A SUSPECT IN MIND? SOMEONE'S WHO'S USING THIS FAIRY?

HIGHEST JUDGE OF HELL
EIKI SHIKI, YAMAXANADU

AH YES, LADY HECATIA LAPISLAZULI.

I BELIEVE SHE WAS ONE OF OUR ORGAN-IZATION'S LEADERS.

I HAVE HEARD OF HER ECCEN-TRICITIES,

BUT ALSO THAT, RELATIVE TO THE OTHER DENIZENS OF HELL, SHE WAS NEVER MUCH FOR EVIL.

I CAN'T SAY WHETHER SHE'S BEHIND THIS OR NOT,

BUT SHE'S INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

WE MUSTN'T DECLARE HER THE CULPRIT BASED ON MERE SUSPICIONS.

THAT SAID,

IT IS RATHER UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE TO BE USING A HELL FAIRY.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, HELL IS A PLACE WHERE ONI PUNISH THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD.

SO IF YOU NEEDED SOMETHING DONE, YOU'D ALMOST ALWAYS USE ONE OF THOSE ONI.

IT'S NOT THAT THERE AREN'T ANY FAIRIES, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY NOT THE MOST HOSPITABLE PLACE FOR THEM.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YEAH, THAT IS KIND OF HOW I PICTURED IT.

HELPING A FAIRY ESCAPE FROM HELL.

LADY HECATIA IS

MAYBE YOU COULD THINK OF IT LIKE THIS:

UH... HMM.

BUT EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT SUCH A HEART-WARMING EXPLANATION,

UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS, SHE'S STILL INNOCENT.

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SHE'S RIGHT.

MAYBE I'VE LOST MY CONFIDENCE AFTER ALL THESE INCIDENTS I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT.

A MERE FAIRY SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR THE HAKUREI SHRINE MAIDEN.

IF YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE FAIRY, THEN WHY NOT JUST KEEP AN EYE ON HER?

I JUST CHASED HER OUT.

OH, RIGHT.

NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, I JUST NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER...

YUP! SHE'S JUST A MERE FAIRY, RAISING MERE HELL!

IT'D HAVE BEEN A LOT EASIER TO WATCH HER IF I HADN'T.

WAS THIS LITTLE STOVE REALLY THAT HOT?

HUH?

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THE HEAT'S COMING UP FROM UNDER-GROUND.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...?

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GOOD GRIEF.

WHAT A PAIN IN THE REAR.

WELL, I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED A STUPID FAIRY LIKE THAT TO LISTEN TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

OH WELL.

妖精は近くに置け…

6月号に続く